

**U.S. Forest Service**  
**Excerpts from Aquatic Conservation Strategy**

- Goal to restore and maintain ecological health of watersheds on Forest Service and BLM lands.
- Storage solely for irrigation unlikely to meet the goal.
- Increased temperature, increased fine sediment, decreased coarse material for fish habitat are major concerns.
- Areas with best potential for recovery to receive highest priority for restoration.
- Focus on watershed and landscape scale.
- 10 to 100 year timeframe for improvements.
- Watershed analysis the tool for evaluating options—identify areas of greatest likelihood of success.
- Analyses required in Key Watersheds and roadless areas prior to any management activity. Analyses recommended in other watersheds.
- Riparian reserves for streams and lakes required in all watersheds.